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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The rejection of Claims 6, 9-10, 13, 16-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi et al (6503629) is withdrawn because of the amendment filed 9/13/2007.

3. Claims 6, 9-10, 13, 16-18, 20 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2000-007960.

'960 teaches a cationic composition that cures into a film on metal that comprises an amino-epoxy/caprolactone resin adduct (which has an epoxy equivalent of 185), a blocked polyisocyanate (which may be aromatic, and which may be reacted with propylene glycol) as crosslinker, and bismuth hydroxide as catalyst. The film has a Tg of 70-90 C, which is

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encompassed by applicant's claimed range. The thickness is 10-40 micrometers, which overlaps with applicant's claimed 20 microns. See Abstract, claim 4-6, [0013] [0014] [0017] [0025] [0035] of translation.

Because the resin adduct, crosslinker and Bi compound are the same as claimed by applicant, the oxygen permeability of claim 13 and the adhesive force of claim 18 or 24 are expected to at least overlap with the values claimed by applicant.

4. Claims 6, 9-10, 13, 16-18, 20 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi et al (6734260).

'260 teaches a cationic coating composition for metals that comprises a xylene-formaldehyde resin modified, amino group containing epoxy with an epoxy equivalent of 180-2500 (and that may be further reacted with a polyol like caprolactone), a blocked polyisocyanate such as MDI (and which has been reacted with propylene glycol), and rust preventative such as bismuth hydroxide. The coating has good adhesion to steel. The film thickness is 10-40 microns, which overlaps with applicant's claimed value (see Abstract; 2:20-9:27; 10:17-26).

Because the resin, blocked polyisocyanate and Bi compound are the same as claimed by applicant, the oxygen permeability of claim 13, Tg of claim 13, and the adhesive force of claim 18 or 24 are expected to at least overlap with the values claimed by applicant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

a) Claim 16: MDI should be written in full, for clarity.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Erma Cameron/ whose telephone number is 571-272-1416. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00, alternate Fridays off.

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